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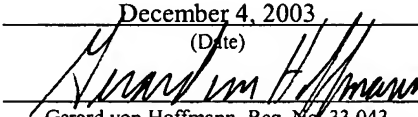
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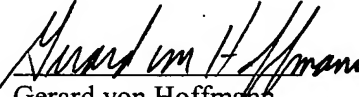
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- (X) A PTO Form 1449 with four (4) references.
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Dear Sir:

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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of this application and no fee is required in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(1), (b)(2), or (b)(4).

Respectfully submitted,

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